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DAYTON --A Catholic priest from Cleveland who gained considerable fame last year as the "polar priest" of the Antarctic will speak at the University of Dayton Friday.

Father Henry F. Birkenhauer, director of the Seismological Observatory at John Carroll University, Cleveland, spent 16 months at the South Pole participating in the U.S. International Geophysical Year (IGY) scientific program.

His address at UD, open to the public, is the second in the series of lectures being held in conjunction with the dedication of the Sherman Hall of Science. The 8 p.m. program will be held in the Wohlleben Hall auditorium.

Father Birkenhauer sailed for Antarctica in 1957 as deputy leader of the IGY scientific staff, chief seismologist, and spiritual advisor to the 27 members of the expedition. During his stay at Wilkes Station on Vincennes Bay, located on the eastern coast of Antarctica, the priest-scientist concerned himself with the problem of measuring the thickness of the ice at the bottom of the world. His Friday lecture will be a description of his stay at the Pole.

His field, seismology, is a favorite scientific field of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) of which he is a member. It deals with earthquakes and man-made earth tremors.

Father Birkenhauer's appearance in Dayton is being sponsored by UD's department of physics, one of six departments located in the new Sherman Hall. Each of the departments in the division of science will sponsor a lecturer at intervals until the actual dedication of the \$1,450,000 building on May 5.